



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSNOTES
October 31, 2008

Soar With Excellence

HALLOWEEN PROGRAM

Trick or treating in the village of Westport will be done between 3 & 6:30 p.m. tonight. Westport Central School's evening Halloween Program will be held on Friday, October 31st beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the gym followed by the Halloween Dance.



TEST OF THE ENHANCED MESSAGING SYSTEM

There will be a test of the Enhanced Messaging System for the Westport Central School District this weekend. In the event of an emergency closing or delay this phone system will be activated. Your phone number will be called and the message from Westport Central School will be given. It is important that your phone contact information is current and on file in the district office.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

As the cold and sometimes inclement weather is upon us, please remember that the school doors are not opened to students until 7:40 a.m. when supervision is available. If students are dropped off prior to 7:40 a.m. they may be standing out in the cold, rain, wind or snow until the doors are opened.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

If your child missed Picture Day, retakes will be done on Tuesday, November 4th. Please contact the main office for order forms. If your child is having a retake done, you must send in the original picture package.

STUDENT'S VOTE

On November 4, 2008, all Westport Central School students will be participating in a mock National Election. Our voting booths will be set-up, the students will sign in, and then proceed to "vote" for the next president of the United States. The K-2 students will have a special ballot consisting of the symbol for the Republican Party and the Democratic Party. Grades 3-6 will have a ballot with a picture of Senator McCain and Senator Obama. Grades 7-12 will have a copy of the official Westport ballot in order to have a comprehensive ballot. The Student Council and the Current Events class are coordinating this event. The results of the Westport Central School election will be announced to the students before the end of the day. We are emphasizing that the right to VOTE is critical in order to have a voice in government.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

There will be a Special Meeting of the Board of Education on Wednesday, November 5th at 8:30 a.m. in the Superintendent's office. The regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library. All community members are welcome to attend.

END OF MARKING PERIOD/REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Friday, November 7th is the end of the 1st quarter marking period. Report Cards will be distributed at the Open House on Thursday, November 13th.

WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL CELEBRATES 75 YEARS!

You are invited to join us on Saturday, November 8th from 4 – 6:30 p.m. The day will consist of "A Walk Through Time" exhibit, "Save the Wall" and refreshments. Special welcoming remarks will be held in the Bulles Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. We hope to see you!!

FITNESS ROOM

The Fitness Room is open every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the exception of Thursday, November 27th.

EXXONMOBIL EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE GRANT

Thanks to the efforts of Matthew Pollock, Manager of Westport Service Midway Oil Corporation located in Westport, WCS has been awarded a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant for the Character Education Program. The money will be used in conjunction with the Character Education Program currently in place at WCS. Funded by the ExxonMobil Corporation, the ExxonMobil Educational program is designed to provide Mobil retailers like manager, Matthew Pollock with an opportunity to invest in the future of their community through educational grants to neighborhood schools. WCS would also like to thank Mrs. Laurie Collins for her assistance in securing this grant.

SKI REGISTRATION FOR '08-'09 SEASON

Registration forms for the downhill ski/snowboarding season are located in the main office of the school. If you have not already pre-registered, please pick up, complete and return your form to the office. If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact Jeff Schwoebel at 962-8567.

ACAP AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The after-school program is still taking applications for students in need of daycare 1.5 – 3 hours daily. The cost varies depending on the amount of time your child needs supervision – up to 1.5 hrs/daily = \$25/week; 3 hrs/daily = \$50/week; or \$4 per hour. ACAP after-school program will be closed on all early release days, including weather related closings.

Applications may be obtained in the main office of the school, from Vera Martin, or by calling Marge at 873-3207 x249. Up to date we have 19 children enrolled and are looking for more to attend. We need the continued support of parents and community to keep this valuable program open. ACAP has received donations from concerned citizens which enabled the program to stay open. But, without any federal or state funding, the program is funded solely on parent fees and community donations. If you have any questions please call either Marge Zmijewski or Alan Jones at 873-3207 or e-mail at margez@acapinc.org.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/4 School Picture Retakes
- 11/5 Special Board of Education Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
in the Superintendent's Office
- 11/7 End of 1st Quarter Marking Period
- 11/8 The 75 Year Celebration of WCS
- 11/11 School closed for Veteran's Day
- 11/13 Coffee Hour w/ the Superintendent 8:15-9:15 a.m.
Open House / Report Card Distribution
Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 11/20-22 Senior Play
- 11/21 All State Music Festival @ Saranac HS
Parent Luncheon Day
- 11/25 Go Home Early Drill – 1 p.m. dismissal
- 11/26-28 Thanksgiving Recess

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